



GLR Staff Department HISTORY

Staff Members
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Historian

Department Description

The job of the Historian's office is to capture significant events, to help research our past, and to honor those who have served our organization.

The historian office has both internal and external functions supporting the organization. Some of our duties are similar to the Public Affairs mission, but focused on what we have accomplished.

Internal: The Historian documents significant events and the people responsible, and ensures that information is available to our members. We provide information and research services upon request. We gather and preserve historical artifacts, documents, photographs, uniform items, and other tangible pieces of our past.

We teach the members about CAP history in classrooms, websites, seminars, and conferences. We expose members to the things that came before, which led to the dynamic organization you see today.

We honor those who served by documenting their service. Our office continually seeks out former members to help us gain perspective. We also pursue avenues of recognition, such as the current efforts for a Congressional Gold Medal for WWII sub chasers, fabrication of the CAP Memorial to honor those who died in the line of duty, and by conducting oral/written histories of our members.

The Region Historians job is to assist Wing, Group, and Squadron Historians with training and guidance in supporting our Historical mission, and to help them become trained and qualified in the Historian specialty track.

External: The Historian writes, edits and distributes information regarding CAP's history to museums, news media, outside organizations, and members of the public. We coordinate with museums to establish and populate displays about CAP. We give speeches to outside organizations to establish and enhance the organization's image.

CAP Regulations and Pamphlets

- ✓ CAPR 210-1 The Civil Air Patrol Historical Program
- ✓ CAPP 5 Handbook for the CAP Historian
- ✓ CAPP 6 CAP Oral History Self-Study Guide
- ✓ CAPP 8 CAP History: Preserving Our Heritage (draft)
- ✓ CAPP 223 Specialty Track Study Guide – Historian

Department Activities

- ✓ Serves as Assistant National Historian
- ✓ Official CAP Liaison to National Museum of the U.S. Air Force
- ✓ Dedicated CAP WWII exhibit at the National Military History Center in Auburn, IN
- ✓ Work with other museums to display historical items
- ✓ Board of Directors of CAP Historical Foundation
- ✓ Oral Histories of former members
- ✓ Fabrication of the CAP Memorial
- ✓ Gathering unique historical items for National Curator
- ✓ Authored CAPP 8 “CAP History: Preserving Our Heritage”

Website

www.caphistory.org